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FOR: METHODS OF PREPARATION OF LIVE ATTENUATED

BACTERIAL VACCINES BY ALTERATION OF DNA ADENINE

METHYLASE (DAM) ACTIVITY IN THOSE BACTERIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Notification of Defective Response dated September 13, 2006, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.